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1. CONCUR IN MISSION'S APPROACH TO MULTILATERAL REVIEW
OF FRG DPQ (75).

2. WE NOTE THAT THE DAYS OF SUPPLY IN THE OPERATIONAL
STOCKS OF AMMUNITION OF THE ARMY PORTION OF THE DPQ
DECREASES FOR MANY OF THE MUNITIONS ITEMS IN EACH OF THE
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YEARS 1974, 75 AND 76, AND THAT NOTHING IS SHOWN FOR 1977.
MISSION MAY WISH TO DETERMINE IF DECLINE IN DAYS OF
SUPPLY IS TO BE A CONTINUING TREND. (PARA 3E OF REFTEL.)

3. MISSION'S QUESTION IN PARA 3F OF REFTEL SHOULD ADDRESS
THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECONDARY RATHER THAN
THE PRIMARY ROLE.

4. THE DEFENSE SPENDING FIGURES REPORTED IN GERMANY'S
RESPONSE TO DPQ 75 FOR 1975 THROUGH 1978 SHOW A REDUCTION
IN SPENDING AVERAGING AROUND DM 1700 MILLION (720 MILLION
DOLLARS) PER YEAR COMPARED WITH THE PROJECTIONS REPORTED
IN DPQ 74. THIS AMOUNTS TO ABOUT A 4 PER CENT PER

YEAR CUT IN PREVIOUSLY PLANNED SPENDING. YOU SHOULD
EXPRESS CONCERN OVER THIS CHANGE AND ASK THE GERMANS
HOW THEY WILL ABSORB THESE REDUCTIONS, I.E., WHAT
ELEMENTS OF THE DEFENSE PROGRAM WILL BE AFFECTED? IN
EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE PROJECTED DECLINE IN REAL
DEFENSE SPENDING MISSION MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THE
ADVERSE IMPACT THIS WILL HAVE IN THE US CONGRESS.

5. DO THE GERMANS ANTICIPATE THAT ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED DURING 1976 THROUGH 1979
TO HELP COVER INFLATION AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN PAST
YEARS?

6. SEVERAL YEARS AGO THE GERMANS STOPPED REPORTING
DEFENSE SPENDING BY MILITARY SERVICE, EXPLAINING THAT
SUCH BREAKOUTS WERE NO LONGER FEASIBLE. SINCE THE
GERMANS HAVE ONE OF THE MOST SOPHISTICATED CAPABILITIES
WITHIN THE ALLIANCE FOR ANALYZING DEFENSE SPENDING, IT
IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
AT LEAST AN ESTIMATE OF THE ALLOCATION BY SERVICE FOR
THE CURRENT YEAR AND RECENT PAST YEARS. MISSION SHOULD
ENCOURAGE THE GERMANS TO TRY TO PROVIDE THIS IMPORTANT
AND USEFUL INFORMATION.

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